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ATHENS/BEIRUT FOR NCOIC MSG DET

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MSG DET BEIRUT

A. SECSTATE 177857 (DTG 181851 JUL 76)(CONF)(NOTAL)

B. BEIRUT 6401 (DTG 190734Z JUL 76)(CONF)NOTAL)

C. BEIRUT 5850 (DTG 041218Z JUL 76)(LOU)(NOTAL)

D. ATHENS 6744 (DTG 061234Z JUL 76)(LOU)(NOTAL)

E. BEIRUT 6462 (DTG 201519Z JUL 76)(CONF)(NOTAL)

1. REFS A THRU E PERTAIN TO BEITU MSG DET, PLANNED
REDUCTION IN STR, TIE-IN W/ATHENS MSG DET. ALL ADDRESSES THIS
MESSAGE WERE ON DISTRIB FOR REFS A THRU D EXCEPT MSGBN.
RECOMMEND MSGBN OBTAIN COPIES FROM A/SY/FO, REF E REPEATED
HEREIN FOR MSGBN AND ATHENS.

2. I UNDERSTAND FROM REFS A AND B THAT MSG DET BEIRUT
IS BEING REDUCED TO A FOUR-MAN DET TO INCL NCOIC SSGT
WAINRIGHT PLUS REX, PACHE, WEDGEWORTH, EFFECTIVE W/
NEXT EVAC SKED FOR 20 JULY NOW DELAYED FOR SEVERAL
DAYS. I UNDERSTAND ALSO FROM REF A THAT THAT CO MSGN
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HAS CONCURRED IN DESIG OF BEIRUT MSG DET AS A SUBUNIT

OF ATHENS MSG DET AND WILL SHIFT FROM COMMAND BY CO, CO "B" TO CO, CO "A" AS AN INTERIM MEASURE BASED ON CURRENT SIT. NO DATE WAS SET FOR SHIFT OF COMMAND HOWEVER I AM PREP TO ASSUME COMMAND BEIRUT DET (LESS SY OPCON) EFFECTIVE ASAP WHEN PASSED BY CO, CO "B" OR DESIG BY CO MSGBN.

3. FURTHER UNDERSTAND FROM REF A THAT ATHENS WILL BE ASSIGNED AT LEAST THREE MARINES OVER STR FROM THOSE IN PSU TRNG IN WASH D.C NOW, TO GIVE ATHENS CAPABILITY TO REPLACE MARINES REMAINING IN BEIRUT AS THEY COME OUT ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS.

4. FROM REF C I UNDERSTAND TOUR LENGHT MSG DET BEIRUT WAS RECOMMENDED AS SIX MONTHS AND THAT EACH MARINE SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR AND RECEIVE TWO WEEKS R&R TO ATHENS AT END OF EACH QUARTER SPENT IN BEIRUT, TRANS AND OTHER REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES TO BE BORNE BY STATE. FURTHER THAT RELIEF FOR MARINES TO TO TO BEIRUT WOULD COME FROM ATHENS MSG DET FOR RELIEF FOR BEIRUT MARINES SENT TO ATHENS R&R. I DO NOT HOLD BEIRUT 6372 MESSAGE (DTG UNKNOWN) WHICH MAY HAVE MODIFIED OR AMPLIFIED THESE ARRANGMENTS.

5. FROM REF A I ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT EXCESS MARINES COMING OUT OF BEIRUT WOULD TO TO ATHENS WITH EFFECTS IF POSSIBLE IN TEMP STATUS WAITING REASSIGNMENT. REF A FUTHER STATED CO MSG BN WOULD ARRANGE REASSIGNMENT.

6. REF E REPEATED STATES: "FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF MSG CONTINGENT BEIRUT BEING EVAC TO ATHENS ON STATE CEPT TRAVEL(EVACUATION) ORDERS WHICH PROVIDE FOR PER DIEM ATHENS UNTIL TRANSFERRED, RETURNED TO BEIRUT OR ORDERS AMENDED: MAYFIELD, RONALD A., SCHNITZ, RICHARD P; SHEBELL, JOSEPH A. JR.; WARD, JOHNNY L.; WILLIAMS, FONDREN L.; YOUNG, CHARLES A.; EFFECTS OF MSG'S WILL ACCOMPANY THEM. REQUEST CO MSG BATTALION ARRANGE REASSIGNMENT SOONEST, NOTIFY BEIRUT." END OF BEIRUT MESSAGE.

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7. FROM TELCON W/NCOIC ATHENS TODAY I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT STRINGER AND DUGGAN (FORMERLY IN BEIRUT) REASSIGNED TO ATHENS ARE DUE INTO ATHENS TODAY FROM DAMASCUS.

8. FOR CO MSG BN. REQUEST REASSIGNMENT ORDERS FOR MARINES LISTED IN PAR 6 ABOVE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF COMMAND RELATIONS/ARRANGMENT ABOVE.

9. FOR CO, CO "B". REQUEST EFFECTIVE DATE SHIFT
COMMAND (LESS SY OPCON) FOR CO, CO "B" TO CO, CO "A".
RECOMMEND SHIFT UPON DEPARTURE BEIRUT EVAC MARINES
LISTED PARA 6 ABOVE. FURTHER REQUEST SUMMARY OF
ANY OTHER PENDING ACTIONS BEIRUT DET THAT I SHOULD
TAKE FOR ACTION, PLUS COPY LAST SEMI-ANN INSP RPT.

10. FOR NCOIC BEIRUT (SSGT WAINWRIGHT). WELCOME
BACK TO CO "A". MY PERS CHIEF IN FRANKFURT NOW IS
GYSGT BECKWITH 0193 (FORMER NCOIC BONN). XO, CO "A"
NOW CAPT LUKENS (CAPT PRINCE DETACHED 19 JUL).

11. FOR NCOIC ATHENS. RECOMMEND COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS
W/EMBASSY OFFICIALS FOR SINGLE-ROOM BILLETING. I
VIEW 3 MARINES PER BEDROOM AND DOUBLE-ROOM BILLETING
AS UNSAT EXCEPT ON VERY SHORT TERM BASIS ONE-SHOT
UNTIL SITUATION CAN BE RESOLVED.

12. CO, CO "A", LTCOL LAYER SENDS. LEHMANN

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